and the number of persons suffering from this disease was 1.6 per cent. When an enquiry was reconducted in 1972 it was found that the infection of this disease was 4.5 per cent and the number of persons suffering from this disease was 0.7 per cent.

(*c*) The State Government have not taken up any independent programme to prevent the menance of this disease in Mulki Town. But the National Elephantisis Preventive Units have been established in Mangalore and Udipi Town Municipal areas of S. K. District and Gulbarga and Shorapur Town Municipal areas of Gulbarga District. In addition, the Panchayats of Coondapur, Puttur, Karkala of South Kanara District and the Panchayats of Batkal, Gokarna in N.K. District have been conducting programmes for prevention of elephantisis by obtaining the grant facilities from the Government in their respective areas.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LANDS GIVEN TO HYPROTEX FOODS PRIVATE Ltd. IN HASSAN TALUK

58. Sri K. H. HANUME GOWDA (Hassan).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of acres and the purpose for which the land was given to Hyprotex Foods Private Ltd., in Hassan Taluk ;

(*b*) out of this, the number of acres of land is being utilised for growing specified crops ;

(*c*) the number of years fixed in the conditions laid down for fulfilling the purpose for which the land was given ;

(*d*) the programme taken up by the company in manufacturing the High Proteins food and the results thereof ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*) 1,000 acres. The land has been leased for setting up a farm to produce milk, eggs, soyabeans, etc., which are the main ingredients of High Protein food.

(*b*) 600 acres are developed but are not used for the specific purposes due to draught conditions.

(*c*) 5 years.

(i) 300 acres within a period of 2 years from 17th July 1969, *i.e.*, the date of execution of the agreement—*vide* clause 4 (*e*) of the agreement.
(ii) 200 acres before the end of 3rd year.
(iii) 250 acres before the end of 4th year.
(iv) 250 acres before the end of 5th year.

(*d*) The firm have sunk 10 tube wells in the area and brought sprinklers. They constructed storage sheds and have grown crops in some area. They have spent considerable amount to develop the area. It is too early to expect any result.

Calling Attention to matters of urgent Public Importance

(i) Re.: Failure of T.A.P.C.M. Society to render services to the Ryots

Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the failure of T.A.P.C.M. Societies at Kudligi, Siruguppa, Kampli, Hadagalli, Harapanahalli and Hospet to render services to the ryots of those areas.

Sri A. SHANKARA ALVA (Minister for Co-operation).—I make the following statement :

The Taluka Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Societies at Kudligi, Siruguppa, Kampli, Hadagalli, Harapanahalli, and Hospet have not failed completely. They are even now undertaking all their normal activities including supply of seeds, fertilisers and foodgrains.

Instances of misappropriation, mismanagement and misapplication of funds have been noticed and remedial action is being taken in all cases. In Hadagalli, the persons responsible for misappropriation have been prosecuted and action has also been taken to recover the money. In Hospet and Siruguppa,